Prices (and profits) were never higher in this country's history Prices (and profits) were never higher in this country's history. And we haven't seen anything yet. The new "controls" bill, which Truman signed with such phony reluctance, will send prices (and profits) to still higher levels. The rich will get richer, and the poor will have to spend every cent they can get hold of on the barest necessities of life.

What is to be done?

The leaders of the unions have no answer. They raved and they blustered before the new bill was signed. But after it became law they didn't even have the guts to get off the wage Stabilization Board where they have been serving as window-dressing for the anti-labor practices of Big Business.

Now the union leaders are trying to pretend that things are not so bad after all because the Wage Stabilization Board has voted in favor of allowing "escalator" wage increases in line with inform for allowing "escalator" wage increases in line with inside the profit of allowing "escalator" wage increases in line with inside the profit of allowing "escalator" wage increases in line with inside its funny side.

creases shown in the price index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

We are 100 per cent in favor of escalator clauses; in fact, The Militant was the first paper in this country to propose them; and gressmen, Cabinet members and we denounced the WSB for holding up the working of the escalator top daily newspapers acting as clauses now in effect. But the union leaders are trying to kid the workers when they pretend that the WISB ruling makes everything

In the first place, only about 3,000,000 union members are covered by escalator clauses. The other 12,000,000 unionists will first other. have to go out and fight to get such clauses in their contracts. And what about the other 45,000,000 wage earners who don't even have the protection of unions?

In the second place, the Bureau of Labor Statistics price index one had any idea that the West is loaded against the workers. It doesn't accurately reflect the real cost of living, and it is not likely to do so as long as it is compiled any other college kids, when by a government which is partial to the interests of the capitalists exams are coming up; maybe and landlords. To get the full benefit of escalator clauses, it will be necessary for the unions to get them tied to a price index drawn cause their so-called "honor" up by labor's own statisticians.

In the third place, most of the existing escalator clauses do not permit the workers to benefit from their increased productivity, and those unions which do have productivity allowances in their contracts get no more than a token bonus.

All Political Questions

In the fourth place, escalator clauses do not offer protection against one of the worst of all threats to the workers' living standards - the ever-rising chunk of taxes that the government takes out of their pay checks each week. Already taxes are as high as in the worst days of World War II - and now the government is demanding that they be boosted stiffly once again. Getting more movies. wages won't help if the government taxes away even more than the workers win in wage gains.

All these are political as much as economic questions. Taxes depend on politics. So does price and rent control. And so does the right to strike, which is threatened by such political measures as the Taft-Hartley Law and the no-strike pledges given by the union

Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, says: "Inflation since Korea has cost the American people 15 billion dollars. At that rate of evaporation of purchasing power we'll be lucky to eat horsemeat." And so he denounces the 82nd Congress as the "Horsemeat Congress."

"But whose fault is it that the members of the Horsemeat Congress got elected to positions where they could deal such blows to the workers? Reuther himself, and all the other labor leaders who fought against the formation of an independent labor party that would elect workers to Congress to defend the interests of the majority of the people.

Political Action

Political problems require political solutions. And the problems brains out with an Army .45. prices and profits can be settled only by the establishment of a labor party devoted to the job of creating a Workers and Farmers Government which, among other things, will establish genuine price control and put the profiteering capitalists out of positions where they can fleece the people to pay the costs of imperialist war.

This is not a substitute for, but an addition to, a program of militant union action - an addition which is indispensable for the defense of labor's sorely-battered living standards.

Marshall Plan Flop Hidden By Faked Claims

By Thomas Raymond

After three years of the Marshall Plan, Europe is sinking into a more desperate plight than before, recent reports indicate.

The Marshall Plan, which goes under the name Economic Cooperation Administration, or ECA, was originally sold to the American people, and to European workers and farmers, with the story that it would boost in 1947, production was rising at living standards for the people of Europe, and in that way, help to "defeat Communism." Ten and three-quarters billions of dollars have been spent in this effort to stimulate dying capitalism in Europe, or an average of well over \$100 per family in tax

A FAILURE

that the ambitious effort to prop up a dying system is proving to be a discontinuous full actually lower than the average man, the consumers goods industries, production is not higher, but However, all indications are be a disastrous failure. At least, actually lower than the depression it is proving to be a failure in year 1938! Production of cotton terms of the living standards of and wool clothing, for instance, the European masses, and since ECA started, France's tractor the raising of these living standards was stated to be the central object of ECA, the program as a whole may be headed for the rocks.

For example, ECA administrators, in desperate efforts to justify the expenditures they have made, point to the fact that industrial production has jumped that the countries of Latin some 39 per cent above prewar. America and Western Europe are But they take as their standard "seething cauldrons of social of comparison, 1938, the bitter depression - unemployment year. Furthermore, they do not bother outlook "utterly depressing." to explain that much of this rise

up, and that since ECA was established in 1948, the rate of rise to dwell on it. of production in many cases has dropped sharply. For example, in France, before ECA started, production is increasing in France at the rate of only 3 per cent per year.

took place before ECA was set

CONSUMER GOODS But this doesn't tell the whole

story. As a matter of fact, in many of the industries that count the most for the average man, production has dropped 19 per cent. Machinery shipments from the U.S. actually fell off 28 per cent in that country the year after ECA started.

The UN Economic and Social Council meeting in Geneva last week was warned by its president unrest." The President of the Council called the world economic

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Workers of the World, Unite!

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Here you have Senators, Conthough 90 cadets had confessed to being Red spies, just because they admitted passing on a few examination answers to each

What is this comic - opera 'crime" story? What are they all so excited about? Surely no Pointers act any differently from even co-operate a little more besystem gives them more op portunity.

A FARCE

It looks as though the news papers and big shots in the army and government are all pulling together to act out a hypocritical farce. The idea that this farce is supposed to promote is an old one. You've seen it before in the papers and magazines, and you've seen it over and over in the

The idea is this: Army officers, and especially West Point officers, are a special and unique breed of men, not only officers but "gentlemen," and not only gentlemen, but also "honorable" men. Every cadet at "the Point" is a clean - scrubbed, crew - cut, young Sir Galahad. He would sooner leap into the Hudson River sooner or later confess to their crimes, and vindicate the "honor" system. In the movies, they sometimes head for their quarters right after confessing, and, after putting on fancy dress uniform and white gloves, blow their

STOOLPIGEONS

Furthermore, this honor system is supposed to make them all merry little stoolpigeons, since they are "honor-bound" to report infractions of the rules by their mittee to Free the Trenton Two. deming the petition campaign

Now of course these kids haven't been acting this way and nobody could ever make them act this way. West Pointers are mostly rich men's sons; that's true. They may also be prigs and snobs, arrogant and supercilious. But they are not out of their minds, and they don't possess that fantastic kind of "honor" which exists only in the bemused minds of old-lady pulp-magazine writers of both sexes.

Of course, nobody really believes that they do. Anyone who has ever been in the Army, and lots of us have by now, and is acquainted with large numbers of these officers (and gentlemen), knows the breed. We don't have

THE PURPOSE

But the honor system has a point. The point is, it is designed They don't possess the talents, abilities and leadership qualities that are found in leaders who

Pennsylvania CIO **Backs Kutcher**

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The Pennsylvania CIO in dustrial Union Council, representing hundreds of thousands of workers in this key industrial state, last week donated \$100 to the defense fund for James Kutcher. This is the third state CIO organization which has recently aided the legless veteran to carry forward his three - year fight against Truman's loyalty purge. The Michigan CIO and California CIO Councils previously contributed to his case.

Kutcher's request for reinstatement to his job will be taken before the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington this

BUT SIR- IF WE DON'T LEARN TO CHEAT, WHO'LL DO OUR CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATING ?

The National Association for Princeton Committee for the Trenton Six to form a new group tion by the Reutherite leadership to be known as the Joint Com- of the CIO Council sharply con-

Ralph Cooper, the two men who Detroit FEPC Ordinance before were convicted at the frameup Detroit voters for a referendum retrial in June and sentenced to vote in the fall election. This life imprisonment on the charge question has occupied the attenof killing a storekeeper. Four tion of the Detroit labor moveother defendants, tried on the ment for some weeks as the same "evidence," were acquitted petition drive by the Detroit by the jury.

Under terms of the agreement Under terms of the agreement support of Ford Local 600 and other union groups, has been in "there will be full cooperation in arranging the legal defense of the process. defendants through appeal, as far LIP SERVICE as the Supreme Court of the United States, if necessary, and through a further trial if the the Reuther leadership of the appeal proves successful."

Trenton Two WAYNE CO. CIO DEBATES around his neck than tell a lie. Even the miscreants among them expense or later confers to their

DETROIT, Aug. 6 — The Wayne County CIO Conventhe Advancement of Colored tion, held here last week-end, took on life and fire for a People announced last week that brief period in a sharp and bitter discussion on the FEPC it had joined with the American question which is now before the D-

by the presentation of a resolu-The committee will work in initiated by the Detroit Labor behalf of Collis English and Council to place the issue of a Labor Council, initiated by the Stalinists but having the active

workers of Detroit.

Content for years to give only lip service to the idea of FEPC. Detroit labor movement and its The new committee is seeking politician friends have been four-square position on this im-

portant question. They attempted to avoid the petition drive issue by hurriedly preparing an ordinance of their own for submission to the Detroit City Council. At a mass meeting last Thursday which was addressed by Walter children while he and his wife Reuther, President of the International Union UAW-CIO, Frank Martel, President of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP, and others, they announced that they had been assured of joint sponsorship of their draft of an FEPC ordinance by six of the nine members of the City Council. However, only one member of the Council, Councilman Smith, sponsored the ordinance when it was presented to that body.

CONDEMN PETITION

a defense fund of \$50,000, to be terror-stricken at the thought that speeches by both Walter Reuther jointly raised by the cooperating they might be compelled to take a and Emil Mazey, top officers of

In setting the stage for the discussion on this question at the County CIO Convention, major (Continued on page 3)

Capitalists, Top Brass Have Big Stake in Korean War

Events last week made it increasingly clear that Washington does not want a cease-fire in Korea. The U.S. negotiators have been making every effort to blow the

cease-fire conferences sky -'high, and to do it in such a way that Far East Command have broken the blame will fall on the Chinese and North Korean authorities. General Ridgway and the U.S.

White Supremacy **Justice in Winton** Rape Acquittal

By Robert Oliver

The reverse side of Jim-Crow ustice in the South was made glaringly evident by the acquittal submit a declaration which would ast week of a white man by an virtually admit that they had sent all-white Winton, N. C., jury, troops into the area on purpose, after evidence had proven him guilty of raping a fifteen year break on themselves. old Negro girl.

Superior Court Judge Henry A. Grady, 80 years old, before whom

A DISGRACE

"The verdict is, a disgrace to the white race, a disgrace to this county," Grady told the jurors. "No man who would render such verdict on the evidence offered in this case is fit to serve on a

Hattie Louise Hoggard told the court that Frank Newsome came to her home Saturday, June 30, and asked her to sit with his attended a movie. She said he then drove her to the home of her brother, choked her, threatenend her life and raped her five times during the afternoon and evening.

Despite the indignation of the judge it is doubtful that a new viction could be obtained under North Carolina. Coming shortly after the con- PEACE A THREAT

viction of Mack Ingram, Negro Further, peace in Korea takes farmer, of nearby Yanceyville, N. C., who was found guilty of attempted assault, solely on the accusation of a white girl that "he looked at her" from a distance of 75 feet across a field, the acquittal of Newsome is causing anger in this farm county whose population is 62 per cent Negro.

off negotiations again, this time on the pretext that a squad of armed Chinese soldiers was seen in the vicinity of the conference site. The Chinese command made an extremely apologetic explanation, saying that this was a mistake, and that the responsible company commander would be disciplined, but Ridgway found even this unsatisfactory.

Plainly attempting to goad the Chinese and North Koreans to break off the negotiations, Ridgway again refused to accept the apology. He asked the Chinese to placing the onus for any future

BAD FAITH

The fantastic exhibition of bad the trial was held, angrily declar-ed, "The verdict was an outrage. it plainer than ever that U.S. im-The evidence of guilt was over- perialism would like to bust up vhelmingly in favor of the the talks and continue the war. tate... The verdict was based They are doing this because, solely upon the fact that the short of armed conquest, they prosecuting witness was a color- don't have a chance in the world ed girl and the defendant a white to install a U.S. puppet government in Korea, or even any part of Korea.

The Syngman Rhee regime of South Korea, which lost the last pre-war election, has already come out against any Korea-wide elections, or, for that matter, any cease-fire. In other words, war in Korea may be tough for U.S. Imtougher.

In addition, peace in Korea would remove the excuse for holding the Seventh Fleet in Chinese waters, American troops in Japan, and American naval and bombing bases all through the Far East. If the Chinese are able to force a truce in Korea, they may then be able to force a settlement of all Far Eastern issues. At any rate, they will rial will be held or that a con- make it plain that U.S. imperialism holds up a settlement by the jim-crow jury practices of maintaining aggressive force all

the gun away from the head of the American public; the threatening gun which the administration has been using to get immense military appropriations approved by Congress and tolerated by the American public. Truce

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in 1947, production was rising at the rate of 17 per cent per year. After 3 years of ECA, this has dropped to the point where now dropped to the point where now dropped to the point where now them to get in any other way.

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of how many union men were strike.

ers had not followed "proper pro- | feel like a union man." cedure" in their fight against the Chrysler corporation.

COMPANY DRIVE

DETROIT, Aug. 5 — For the Local 3 bargaining committee, and support of union members, have the International Union of workers in a speed-up fight is to second time in as many weeks outlined in detail the company Solomon was fired. At the mass efforts of Dodge workers to stop plant-wide strikes of the 25,000

The high point of the company At a meeting attended by 8,000 provocations was the firing of Dodge workers, Richard Gosser, Jimmy Solomon, long-time officer International Vice President, and of the Dodge local and one of its Norman Matthews, East Side founders. He described how in Regional Director, flatly stated the early stages of the speed-up that the top officers would not drive, he had tried "giving in" support the Dodge strike which to the company on some of the had been in progress three days. easier jobs. Solomon stated he They further stated that no aid had "given away" 100 jobs, somewould be forthcoming from the times behind the backs of the International officers regardless rank and file, in order to avoid a

fired or disciplined because of But the company would accept their struggle against speed-up. no compromise. Solomon reported nevertheless the International planation given for this action The top officials took this posi- that "you could only give in to will not back the strike at this tion, they said, because the work- the company so much and still time.

International officers of the provocations which led to a series meeting he received a huge UAW-CIO on July 28 defeated of departmental strikes and two ovation for his defense of the working standards of Dodge

Bill Furman, foundry committeeman, in defense of Solomon, said that the company openly retreat. planned to eliminate 200 jobs in the foundry by speed-up. If Solomon could be fired for protecting production standards, Furman take an "official" strike vote said, neither he nor any other within a week, asking the Intercommitteeman would be safe or production standards enforced. To these statements and facts

presented by Dodge workers, Richard Gosser could only say that this may all be true, but

Gosser further stated that Dodge workers who felt that their last 104 day strike got When the last walk-out oc- nothing for them compared to the bargaining procedures. The only curred, he felt the Dodge workers sacrifice they made, should way to stop speed-up is to refuse At the meeting, Jimmy deserved all-out support. For this seriously consider and reconsider to do the added work. The only Solomon, Chairman of the Dodge rejection of company demands striking. This time they wouldn't way a union can aid a group of represent them.

RETREAT FORCED

Although Gosser and Matthews were booed throughout the meeting, the threat to starve the strike forced the Dodge workers to

At the end of the meeting a rank and file member made a motion to return to work and to national for strike sanction. This passed overwhelmingly.

Even this strike vote has since been postponed by the top officers without authorization from Dodge members to do so. The exwas to provide more time for officers to negotiate with the

company. But the fight against speed-up

back them up at the time of the showdown.

Reuther's glib talk is not sufficient to slow down a production

The hostility of the International to the militancy of the Dodge workers leaves the impression that they resent these "picayune speed-up issues" intruding upon their time. They are busy men these days developing Reuther's new schemes for massproducing the tools of war and destruction.

The role played by the top UAW-CIO officers in the Dodge situation is being repeated throughout the union. This is their response to the company drive to wreck the hard-won workstandards which represent part of the great victory of the auto workers in 1937 and the ensuing

The auto workers will not long tolerate such a betrayal of their basic needs by men supposed to

Notebook of an Agitator

THE BUREAUCRATIC MENTALITY

viet Union under the Stalin regime, with all the evil consequences inherent in this abnormality. Where there is no freedom of criticism, no free play of ideas, the healthy and wholesome process of collective thought is crowded out to make way for the reciprocal corruption of arbitrariness and subservience. There is inhuman disregard of the rights and opinions of others on the one side, and abdication the intellect on the other. The ruling bureaucrats, who are the carriers of this corruption, are also its victims. Their minds become irremediably diseased, and their fatal sickness is infallibly expressed in their mental processes and their manner of expressing them. In the vast domain of Stalinism where all critics and opponents of the regime are in prison or dead, or condemned to silence by police terror, all the ruling bureaucrats have developed a single, uniform method and style of speaking and writing. This official language dispenses with any effort to enlighten, convince and persuade. It rests solely on assertions and pronouncements which settle all questions - from economics and politics to art and linguistics.

When nobody has a chance to answer back, you can get away with anything. That's the way it is in the Soviet Union at present And this system, along with the method of thinking and style of expression that goes with it at the Russian spring-head, flows down through all the functionary cadres of the national parties of international Stalinism like a polluted stream, turning everything it touches into filth.

In the Soviet Union it is horrible and degrading - all the more so because the power behind it is absolute from one end of the country to another. It is no less horrible and degrading in the Communist Party of the U.S., where the same practices are faithfully imitated. But it is also somewhat ludicrous. Here the will of the feeble functionaries is present but the power to proscribe is strictly limited to the dwindling ranks of an isolated and demoralized party. Unbelievers, like myself, are free to snicker at their clownish absurdities, and cheerfully do so The National Secretary of the American Stalinist party, strutting over the platform in his summary speech at the 15th National Convention, in precise imitation of an all-powerful Soviet bureaucrat laying down the line, resembles a rickety dead-end kid limping around in a marshal's uniform with a sword too heavy for him to lift and a pistol he can't shoot. The will is there, the expressions and the gestures - everything except the power. And if you want my opinion, that's a good thing for this country and its working people.

NO COLLECTIVE THOUGHT

If you plow through the dreary field of the convention report, as I did in the line of duty, in the hope of turning up some evidence of collective thinking - some contributions, amendments, criticisms or suggestions from the assembled delegates - you will not find it. This so-called report of the 15th Convention proceedings, bulky in volume as it is, is exclusively a collection of the reports given to the convention by the various official functionaries. There is no record of what, if anything, the delegates had to say about the report. For this kind of information you have to read between the lines of Secretary Gus Hall's summary speech in answer to criticisms. And that's quite a guessing game, for the critics are answered but not quoted. It is not even clear whether the critics were present and spoke at the convention or had just been running loose in the party surreptitiously dropping remarks out of the corners of their mouths. The latter was probably the case, for Hall's strictures seem, by internal evidence, to be aimed at absentees from the convention who were destined soon to be absent from the party.

"You know," said Hall, apparently to nobody's surprise, "around the country, in almost all the states, there is & core of comrades around the Party that I will call 'the disgruntled type.'" Obviously something has to be done about that, for there is no provision in Stalinist jurisprudence, as practiced in the Soviet Union, for people to be disgruntled and stay out of prison or a forced labor camp.

Uncontrolled power, the goal to which all bureaucrats and au- | The means for this healthy corrective being lacking in the United thoritarians instinctively strive, has reached its apogee in the So- States, Hall reached for the best substitute he could find. He did not suggest that the disgruntled people be invited to formulate their criticisms and have a fair discussion of them in the party ranks. And it never entered his thick bureaucratic skull to point out that a convention where dissatisfied party members had no voice was a mockery of workers' democracy. It never occurred to him to propose a real convention where they would be represented as a minority with full provision to air their grievances. It seems there has been too much tolerance and too much talk already.

> Hall's proposal was a short cut to wind up the disagreeable business. "I think," he said, "that we must talk to these comrades in a different vein than we have until now. . . We must tell these comrades, 'if you are sincere, if you want to help the Party and you have some beefs, come up to the Party leadership and discuss them!" But what if the "disgruntled" are against "the Party leadership"? Suppose they want to throw them out, not to "come up" to them and talk things over? Hall never even considered that possibility. There is no place for such "beefs" in Stalinist practice. "In this period especially," said Hall in winding up his remarks on this point with the finality of Stalinist wisdom, "we cannot have a liberal approach to such an influence." That ought to satisfy everybody - except the "disgruntled" whose existence was never provided for in the first place.

ONE DISGRUNTLED SPEAKER

Reading between the lines of Hall's summary speech, I gather that one disgruntled party member did actually get into the convention and make a speech there. Just how this happened, if it really happened, is not explained. Perhaps there was some slip-up in the apparatus somewhere along the line; with the best will in the world, air-tight perfection is hard to get in these matters. Anyhow, some fellow, whose speech is not printed, seems to have said something which Hall refers to as "the Davidow controversy and the struggle against liquidationism." Just what Davidow was beefing about we can only surmise from Hall's references to his blasphemous assertion — quoted by Hall — that "the party has watered down the Marxist-Leninist concept of Party membership" and his complaint that "there are loose organizational concepts within the party." Hall's cavalier treatment of this episode doesn't throw much light on the content or merit of Davidow's "controversy" but it can stand as a first class illustration of bureaucratic polemic and pedagogy. "In Comrade Davidow's speech there was a strong element of shadow-boxing." He is wrong because "the party has not lowered or watered down the standards of membership since the 1945 Convention."

As for his beef about "loose organizational concepts," he obviously doesn't know what he is talking about. "Comrade Davidow sets up another straw man." Loose organizational concepts, or loose anything else, simply do not exist outside Davidow's imagination. Which? Where? . . . I do not think so," says Hall. That ends the argument. All that remains, before passing on to the next point, is a brief, and absolutely unanswerable, suggestion to the critic on proper procedure: "I think it would be much better for Comrade Davidow, in a self-critical manner, to examine his wrong view without rationalization and shadow-boxing, and come to the conclusion that the Party position is correct, and proceed from there."

That's all for Davidow, the lone dissenter obliquely reported as possibly present at the convention by the references in Hall's speech. His complaints are answered in exactly the same way as all other questions are dealt with in Hall's speech and in all the other speeches which roll off the bureaucratic assembly line - by denials, assertions and pronouncements. That is the way the bureaucratic mind works, and they don't even know that there is anything wrong with it. What's wrong with it is everything.

(Next Week: The Revolutionist and the Bureaucrat)

Signs of China-Kremlin Trotskyism Is Rift Appear to Grow Still Alive in strong Chinese government hav- alliance together up to now. Were Soviet Union

in Korea last December "when a a dangerous example for the vanced than it is today. relatively small donation of Kremlin-dominated countries in This is why we are hesitant planes and tanks from the huge Europe and for the oppressed na- about setting any date for a Soviet arsenal could have tipped tionalities inside the Soviet Union definitive China - Kremlin split, the balance in favor of the Com- itself. munist objective of driving UN Science Monitor, July 6.)

Why was it that the Chinese airplanes which would save them has held the Peiping - Moscow from Asia. would arrive from Siberia or the Russian Far East"? (Le Monde, Tune 28.)

Why, in the Aug. 1 celebration of Army Day in China, did the 18 official slogans conspicuously emit all mention of Stalin while giving prominence to Mao Tsetung - the sort of thing that simply is not allowed in the East-

ern European satellites? These and similar questions have aroused considerable speculation among government officials and journalists. General Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo talks openly now about the possibility of a "Titoist" development on the part of the Chinese government. The Alsops in their column see, "for the first time, solid evidence of trouble between the Soviet Union and Communist China." No informed observer any longer gives credence to the State Department's original thesis that China entered the Korean war because it is a servile puppet of Moscow.

RIDGWAY'S THEORY

The interesting thing about the statement from Ridgway's headquarters, however, is not the divergence of interest that it notes between Stalin and Mao. but the explanation that it offers for this divergence. According to Ridgway's theory, it was China's heavy losses in the war, coupled with Stalin's refusal to extend the necessary aid, which were responsible.

The purpose of this explanato wage war in Korea, even at the risk of provoking a global war, deserves the "credit" for having driven a wedge between Peiping and Moscow. This is supposed to justify the war, just as the now-discredited State Department "explanation" about China's reasons for entering last winter was supposed to justify it.

But the truth is quite different from both the old State Department and the new Ridgway versions of it.

China entered the war because it was alarmed by MacArthur's threatening advance toward the China-Korea border: it entered because it was afraid the U.S. government would use its positions on that border for the purpose of helping its protege. Chiang Kai-shek, in the overthrow of the Mao regime.

In other words, it did not enter chestnuts out of the fire. Long before it suffered any losses in Two" collaboration in putting since the Marshall Plan.

down revolutions. Actually, as every honest tory has indicated, the differences the Korean war by a long time. The Chinese Communist Party, prodded by rebellious peasants. led in the overthrow of Chiang Kai-shek at a time when Stalin was still friendly to that butcher, recognized his regime and was urging the Chinese CP to enter coalition government with

Stalin could not openly treat Mao as he treated Tito, but the emergence of an independent

Two Ways to Spend **5 Billion Dollars**

The Korean war in its first year cost the American people \$5 billion. This cost does not weigh the incalculable loss of lives, the suffering and devastation of the Korean

Such a vast amount of wealth, if put to constructive use, would build a half a million comfortable homes, and furnish them completely with furniture, appliances, including a television set for each.

Why didn't the Kremlin send ing the sympathy of all of Asia it not for this fact, the rift beplanes and other supplies to the was necessarily distasteful to the tween the Chinese and the Chinese and North Korean forces Soviet bureaucracy because it set Kremlin would be far more ad-

although all the signs proclaim Ridgway presents the facts that it is inevitable. One thing is forces into the sea?? (Christian upside down. The U.S. govern- sure - the sooner the imperialment's hostility toward the ists are compelled to get out of Chinese government, instead of Asia, the sooner the Chinese will vitch Szmelovicz, leader of a all last spring "stubbornly re- driving a wedge between China be able to settle accounts with group of Trotskist students at paired about fifty aerodromes on and the USSR, has served rather the traitors in the Kremlin. That the University of Cracow North Korean territory under to throw Mao into Stalin's arms. is an added reason why the Ameri- (Poland). powerful bombardments from Washington's continued support can working class should vigor-American planes," keeping these of Chiang, its refusal to recognize cusly support the demand for grounds "ready for the day - the Mao regime and its interven- immediate and complete withwhich did not come - when the tion in Korea are the cement that drawal of all American troops

At Kaesong



Scene at Kaesong truce area showing a North Korean and an American snapping each other's picture as a memento of the occasion. Tokyo and the U.S. State Department were ready to break off truce talks over the issue of the "free press." The news censorship has remained so tight that the newsmen have had little more to do than transmit such scenes as the one above.

tion is to spread the notion that the American imperialist decision MARSHALL PLAN CLAIMS

(Continued from Page 1) The Overseas News Agency out of a pay of about \$15 per reports from London on Aug. 3 week. that "Western Europe is cur- No wonder ECA felt constrainrently wallowing through a cd to issue a statement last May summer of economic slump which 14 saying that workers' living

gives the lie to Marshall Plan can't eat that. boosters who have tried to convince us that the U.S. has the ists, who were fearful from the means of saving a dying, cor- beginning that they would be rupted social system from self- undercut by U.S. producers under

Marshall Plan figures may not are being realised. on the Kremlin's orders for the goes. Because, while the fact that President of the French National purpose of pulling the Kremlin's production is up almost 40 per Employers Council, said: "If we cent is stressed by the ECA don't want to be drowned by apologists, they neglect to em- American industry, we must the war, China was acting out of phasize that almost all of this organize ourselves for the strugdifferent motives than the increase is accounted for by the gle. . I'll not hide the fact that Kremlin, for whom the whole huge increase in arms, munitions, the main danger to our industries Korean war was only a means of war industries, and that in many is American competition." And he putting pressure on Washington cases, as mentioned above, pro- added, philosophically, "Nothing to arrange a deal based on duction in consumers goods in is ever given for nothing." "Seaceful co-existence" and "Big dustries has actually fallen off So much Coca-Cola has been

average man? Let us again take so much surplus cotton from the reporter of postwar Chinese his- the example of France, whose U.S. sent there after having been plight was reported on in detail bought from U.S. cotton magnates between Stalin and Mao predate in the N. Y. Compass in a special at handsome prices, that French dispatch by Stan Steiner, just cotton mills began to close. U.S. back from France.

now 220,000.

1947, before ECA, now there are ECA goals, more than 70 mines 679 per month.

French worker got real wages equal to about four-fifths of his actual effects of the Marshall pre-war pay, now he is down to Plan. These effects are exactly ess than half.

total income of their their coun- wages have fallen and relative try. The bosses, on the other profits have gone up. The hand, got 37 per cent of the na- capitalist system in Europe is tional income in 1938, but today tottering worse than ever, and they get 54 per cent. Isn't it one cabinet crisis succeeds angreat how Uncle Sam is making other in France and Italy, two Europe more "democratic"?

Food prices have gone up almost 2,000 per cent since before benefits in high profits seem to the war, clothing prices are up have gone to American capital-3.800 per cent! And yet the work- ists while American workers and ers' wages are only up a little middle class families foot the bill over 1,000 per cent, so that the in the form of the highest taxes worker has to pay fantastic and prices in our history.

prices for everything he needs

is confounding national re-arma- standards in France were getting ment budgets, retarding trade, "dangerously low." At least, if assisting the spread of inflation ECA does nothing else for the and provoking a serious financial worker in Europe, it gives him a crisis in Britain." All of this little sympathy, but they say you

> Meanwhile, the French capital-ECA, are finding that their fears

lie, but they are turned out by Back in 1947, when ECA was liars who figure, as the saying being organized, George Villiers,

shipped to France, that the wine What about the income of the industry has suffered seriously, coal mine owners pocketed mil-Where there were 77,000 un- lions in taxpayer's money in the employed before ECA, there are U.S. so that vast quantities of cur coal could be sent to France, Where there were 131 small with the result that French coal business failures per month in production fell 20 per cent below were shut down, and 70,000 Where, in 1947, the average miners were thrown out of work. These figures illustrate the as predicted by The Militant when Where, in 1938, the workers of ECA was first proposed. Arma-France got about 45 per cent of ments have risen, consumers the national income, by 1951, they goods have fallen in quantity and are down to 29.5 per cent of the gone up in price, workers' real

> chief Marshall Plan countries. In the meantime, the biggest

Information transmitted by Polish and German prisoners recently returned from Siberia report the definite existence of Bolshevik - Leninist (Trotskyist) members and groups in the Soviet forced labor camps.

A Polish Social Democratic emigre informed us of the tragic death of Comrade Stefan Moiseie-

Fleeing with his comrades before the advance of the Nazi army in September 1939, Szmelovicz was caught by the Soviet Army in Eastern Poland. He was denounced to the occupation authorities by some Stalinist students and was deported to the network of camps at Vorkuta.

Comrade Szmelovicz was a revolutionary militant, burning with an enthusiasm for his ideas which no misfortune could lestroy. In the camp he not only maintained his convictions but fiercely defended Trotskyism and did not lose a single opportunity to spread his ideas to those about him. This cost him endless persecutions at the hands of the Stalinist guards and their henchmen, the criminal element also nterned in the camp.

He finally succumbed to these tortures during 1943 in the village of Tchardrail near the frontier of Uzbekistan. Up to his last moments he remained faithful to revolutionary Marxism, defending the cause of Leon Trotsky and the Fourth International.

GREETINGS FROM PRISON

In addition, German prisoners recently returned from Russia where they underwent forced labor, have transmitted to us greetings from a group of Rusian Bolshevik-Leninists, functioning as such in a Soviet camp (the name of which we withhold for obvious reasons).

This group, composed of many young students arrested since the war, are defending Leon Trotsky and his ideas. They were acquainted with all the writings of Trotsky up to the year's 1934-5. In 1949 they also had contact with groups of Bolshevik-Leninists in other camps.

(Translated from Quatrième Internationale, European Trotskyist magazine.)

In Detroit recently, Thomas turbing a picket line. When the CIO Clothing Workers were picketing Richman Brothers, Jerome tried to needle the pickets in raucous tones, wanting to know why the union had Negroes on the line. \$15 fine or 15 days in jail, said Judge Joseph Gillis.

Congress has passed and Truman has signed a bill which makes it illegal to mutilate coins, in particular, to pound a penny into the shape of a nickel for use in a slot machine. What about a law against mashing the dollar until it's hardly worth fifty cents, for which Truman and Congress, have been largely responsible?

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Pentagon Out to Wreck Predicts War with Soviet Union Cease-Fire Negotiations

(Cont. from page 1) in Korea would explode all that, and seriously hamper the warmakers.

Information is leaking out to the effect that U.S. negotiators are making secret demands upon the Chinese and N. Korean U.S. negotiators are asking for. week that the U.S. demands in the present battle line, as the the north.

propaganda controlled by General armistice line." Ridgway. In a release last Sat., Aug. 4, the very same day nego- there should be any speculation tiations were broken off, this at all. Why they don't come right agency let slip that the U.S. wants out and say what they are a truce line somewhere between demanding in the conferences? the present battle line and the Yalu River (northern boundary of Korea).

so violent, particularly in Europe, tions, turned to the Chinese radio that Ridgway was forced to deny for information, putting the folit the next day. But, in a very said that the U.S. wants a truce

in effect" the present battle line means was not made clear,

TERMS IN DOUBT

The New York Times and other government - supporting papers have suddenly found themselves in doubt as to what it is that the negotiators which are not being The Aug. 6 Times reports that made public. The Chinese radio the Communist demand is for a has been frantically charging all truce at the 38th Parallel, and leaves absolutely blank the the terms requested by the U.S. the conference room have not been answer to the vital question: what U.S. public has been led to be- They say merely that "The allied are U.S. negotiators asking for been shown to the Communists lieve, but a line considerably to briefing officer Air Force Brig. ican people. The Chinese radio Gen. William P. Nuckols, warned has given a detailed account of This was confirmed by the Civil correspondents against 'wild the exact American demands. Information and Education Divi- speculation' over where the sion in Tokyo, an agency for United Nations had proposed an

It was not made clear why

The Times the next day, showing plainly the fact that U.S. headquarters is deliberately con-The reaction to this feeler was cealing the facts on the negotialowing news at the tail end of a

"Meanwhile, the Peiping radio,

ambiguous statement, Ridgway long article on the negotiations: line "in effect" along the present whose broadcasts, although

battle line. What a line that is heavily loaded with propaganda, will then let it appear as though

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frequently have given many more

details on the conferences than

pass through allied censorship,

discussed at length the suspen-

sion of the talks, charging that

the Americans were 'stalling'

over what it called a 'minor in-

The Times reports further that

the Peiping radio made public

negotiators, terms which have

but not made public to the Amer-

Washington is making it a con-

dition of the cease-fire that the

Chinese and North Koreans

retreat from their present posi-

tions an average of 30 to 40

kilometers (19 to 25 miles) and

give up thousands of square

kilometers of territory to im-

Washington apparently hopes

and insupportable demands of

this kind without reporting to

American public opinion what it

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tiations over this issue, the U.S.

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perialist armies.

s demanding.

AMERICAN DEMANDS

cident."

Rep. Mahon of Texas, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee which is pushthrough Congress, stated that "there is only a minimum hope that our differences with Russia will or can be resolved

short of war.' How does this jibe with Truman's promise that a huge army is a "guarantee of

No Schools for 3 Million Kids

More than three million children have already been left with shockingly bad schools or no educational facilities at all as a result of the headlong rush to build military installations, atombomb and Hell-Bomb projects and "defense" industrial plants all over the country.

The sordid story of these "forgotten children" is told by Stacy Jones in the current issue of Parents' Magazine. "In many defense-affected areas," he writes, to continue to make outrageous "the class rooms which do exist are already miserably overburdened. Many of the schools operate on half time, with two shifts of students using the same desks every day."

Elsewhere children are being herded into churches, auditorium t have never asked for anything stages, private homes and empty store rooms. At one air base near way put it, the present battle Midwest City, Okla, an abanline. The few Americans who doned coal bin is to be used. At read the fine print on the inside another air base near Dayton, pages at the tail end of a Times Ohio, an abandoned building story will know better, but very built when Ulysses S. Grant was few others will be told the truth. President.

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A Union for N.Y. Cops

There must be something to Michael Quill's claims that he has signed up a large proportion of New York City cops in a local of his Transport Worker's Un-

This is shown, first of all, by the hasty action of the New York Board of Estimate in cutting the pension contributions that the police and firemen make to their pension fund from 45 per cent to 25 per cent of the total, which means a saving to the men of between \$220 and \$290 a year. This was one of the demands of the newly chartered police local. The announcement by the Mayor that this sudden "gift" to the cops and firemen has "absolutely" nothing to do with the union drive is just funny, that's all.

Second of all, the sudden change of tactics by the police commissioner backed by the city administration towards the police union also shows that the union is gaining strength. After repeatedly asserting that the men have a right to join a union, Police Commissioner Monaghan suddenly ordered that all cops who have joined must quit, and all others refrain from joining.

This is exactly like the panicky reactions of employers in the past who have tried to stave off unionism by playing "hard cop" "soft cop" and we wonder how the cops themselves will react to it now that it is being tried on them.

Regular readers of The Militant, who have followed our accounts of police brutality, strikebreaking, etc. might wonder why we worry about the cops' union at all. Well, first of all, we feel that no matter how cops act toward working people or radical minorities, their right to unions should be defended. If they lose their right to unionize, it is but a short step from there to taking the union rights away from all government employees. And this would be a long stride towards weakening the whole union movement, and perhaps even towards taking away everyone's right to organize. After all, if all they have to do to rob you of your right to a union is prove that you are tied up with "public security" they will find a way to prove that about everyone, and use it as a union-busting formula.

There is another reason why we favor unionization of the police. Cops have been so brutal towards strikers, demonstrators, racial minorities in the past that we would like to see them get a little education in the problems of unionism. Maybe it would help a little. Fighting to improve their living standards by organization, they might learn a little bit about what went on in some of the heads that they clubbed in the past. They would learn a few things about race prejudice in a union, as others have learned. They would learn that their fellow-cops, of all races and religions, are moved by the same feelings as they are, and that they must band together with these fellow cops to improve their own lot.

That is why we say to the new police union: go ahead and show them, and 100 per cent behind you. That doesn't mean that (if and when you get a union) we will trust cops not to break strikes, picket lines and otherwise abuse the people. But we think a few cops among you. maybe even many cops, would learn a few important things.

A Lounge for Servicemen

At a ceremony dedicating the lounge of Washington's Union Station as a recreation center for U.S. soldiers, Truman called Aug. 8 for better treatment of servicemen by the American people. This touching ceremony calls attention to the fact that the U.S. now has a huge standing army. Their conditions of life are of great importance.

* But to improve their conditions, more is needed than a room - or many such rooms to lounge arond in. To improve the status of youth dragged into the military life far more

The regime imposed upon the men and women in the armed services by the imperialist brass hat clique is an abhorrent one. It is an absolute dictatorship, a rule of iron.

The best way to better the lot of the soldiers, if Truman is seriously interested in this, would be to use his position as Commanderin-Chief to abolish the brutal and repugnant officer-caste system. What American soldiers want most of all is the right to stand up as free and independent men.

If a poll were taken on the question, there is no doubt that the overwhelming majority of the armed forces rank and file would vote to trade all their canteens and recreational facilities for full democratic rights.

Why not allow the troops to participate fully in the political life of the nation? Why shouldn't they vote in elections?

Few of the youth who have been drafted in the past year would hesitate to exchange the "refreshment centers" for the right to organize as workers do in the factories, and engage in collective bargaining on the issues involved in their conditions of life.

Their first demand, granted this right, would be for trade union wages for all servicemen.

They would also insist upon the complete abolition of all race segregation and discrimination in the armed services.

Yes, it is high time that their conditions should be vastly improved. Full democratic rights for the troops could very well begin by allowing the GIs in Korea to vote on whether or not they want to come home now; on whether they want to remain in Japan or Formosa in event of a Korea peace pact. Let

An Imperialist Advocate's Plan for Asia

By Murry Weiss

preme Court justice, has just returned from a long summer HELP THE ASIANS vacation which he spent touring Asia. Although he was on vacation he apparently wasn't idle. He thought up a sure-fire scheme to win the cold-war by getting the support of the revolutionary people of Asia for American capitalism. He reveals this "plan" in the latest issue of the Progressive under the exciting title, "World Revolution - TVA Shows the Way."

Douglas' sweeping scheme is positively breathtaking: Build a vast network of TVAs across Asia with American capital. He explains that, "To the people of this area TVA means the harnessing of floods, the storing of rain water, and the installation of modern irrigation systems." And, "They think of it as a device for insuring crops in a land where rop failures mean death from starvation." In view of these conditions Douglas proposes to hrow the industrial might of the United States into the balance nd help the Asians.

Now, what could be more generous and fair than this proosition? The Asians suffer from conomic backwardness, disease, famine and floods - we should help them. We have the industrial resources and the capital to do the job. Moreover, Douglas to differently than in the past, have ever been left for social and in the eyes of the peasants with

within the past year. The local

recent elections, are again ready

to cash in on the housing short-

council has called a public meet-

ng on rent decontrol for Thurs-

day, Aug. 23, at the Oakland

The new council, headed by Les

Grant, himself a business and

real-estate man, is clearly the

spokesman and governmental

functionary of the business in-

labor movement has come out

against any decontrol. The local

the experience of other cities.

through June 1949 with controls

rents throughout the U.S. went

terests of Oakland Drackets.

LOBBY SPEEDS PLAN TO

BOOST RENTS SKY HIGH

OAKLAND, Aug. 3 - The immediate prospect of

sky-high rents now faces the people of Oakland, who have

already been burdened with rent increases up to 25 per cent

real-estate lobby, having gained up an average of 13.2 per cent

control of the city council in the From June 1949 through Feb.

Labor Statistics, from June 1947 ceilings in effect in 1947.

William O. Douglas, U.S. Su- eign power has for centuries bled those nations white."

This plan would be different, attach conditions to it -" But to the Asians: "The basic condithe land shall own it." The only question is: what's the catch? Why these generous offers? Is Douglas proposing that the American capitalists should become revolutionary socialists in order to win the cold-war? Well, not exactly, but something like that. shek and U.S. support of the land-Actually he proposes to throw in a little talk about revolution as

part of American foreign policy. He reports: "There are grumblings in every village I have visited. . . Revolution is brewing. It's the kind of a revolution America once brewed." He thinks that, "The revolution surging over two-thirds of the world has presented the United States with a magnificent opportunity."

"If we in America knew the not do that. As a result of a tresses that this time things will combination of circumstances, we are mostly signed up on the side 'Huge profits have been taken of the landlords." He then says cut of the region; few profits that, "America becomes identified

1951 rents in decontrolled cities

rose 20 per cent. These rent in-

at working people. The largest

than \$30 a month before decon-

trol. Los Angeles rents for

cent for all renters, 40 per cent

rent control rents will be allowed

With the opening of military

bases and the development of war

industries in the area, the hous-

ing shortage in Oakland will be-

unless they fight for real con-

trols, for controls of their own.

ome worse than ever.

economic development. Some for- the forces that hold them in eternal serfdom."

ATTITUDE TO U.S.

Then making a 90-degree turn Douglas admonishes the Asian Douglas assures us. Of course, peasant for his poor opinion of 'American capital will largely America. "This criticism of build it (TVA). We therefore can America is not fair," he claims. Why not? Because, "we intend Douglas hastens to add - these no such consequences (like being conditions will be very helpful on the side of the landlords-MW). It is however, a product of our tion is that every man who works wholly negative attitude. In our foreign policy we are merely anti-

But the Asian peasant isn't criticizing the "intentions" of the American capitalists. They hate the "consequences." They "criticize" the billions to Chiang Kailords. Ordinary mortals who do not sit on the bench of the by results: words by deeds.

Why should the Asian people trust American imperialism or U.S. FLOODS any of its spokesmen? What And what faith can you place value do Douglas' honeyed works in Douglas' promises about TVA's of the American and Asian peohave to the Chinese peasant? all over Asia when right here in ple joining hands against their They see the example of famine the United States it is impossible common enemy, the American in India while the U.S. govern- to crack the power of the private capitalists.



JUSTICE DOUGLAS

ment stores mountains of surplus Supreme Court, judge promises food in caves, and farmers dump their products in garbage trucks.

capital utilities monopolies and build a Missouri Valley TVA to prevent disastrous floods such as recently occurred?

There is another side to the Douglas program. It is absolutely true that the Asian people desperately need a gigantic TVA to raise the countries out of their backwardness, starvation and disease. It is also true that the powerful resources of American economy could provide this aid to the Asian people. The prospect for such a cooperation between the highly industrialized America and the peoples of Asia have been opened by the revolution now taking place in Asia. But American imperialism — the most reactionary power in the world is trying to strangle this revolution and keep Asia in chains.

Not Douglas and the exploiters e represents, but the American workers are capable of giving real aid to Asia. TVA and industrialization for Asia will be accomplished through the action

"If we in America knew the facts and appreciated what was at stake," Douglas says, "we would be on the side of these miserable tenants." Then he complains, "Unfortunately, we do not do that. As a result of a combination of circumstances, we

(Continued from Page 1)

the UAW-CIO, devoted considerable attention to a lashing condemnation of the sponsors off the discussion from the floor on the resolution condemning the etition drive for FEPC, was lames Watts, FEPC Director of Ford UAW-CIO Local 600. In a bitter denunciation of the leadership for the lip-service they had given FEPC for years and their failure to act on FEPC except under the pressure of the petition campaign, Watts charged that the leadership seemed far more concerned over the embarrassment that a public stand on FEPC would cause "friends of labor" in public office than they were the hustle and bustle of the age. For this purpose the city creases have hit especially hard Reutherite leadership in their attempt to get Council action on FFPC and thus kill the need for percentage rent increase, in every city, occurred among the the referendum on the question, dwellings which rented for less as the first pay-off of the petition campaign.

Other speakers among instance have gone up 23 per delegates speaking against the administration resolution were. for those in the lower income William Hood, Recording Secretary of Ford Local 600 and In Washington, the National President of the Detroit Labor Association of Real Estate Boards | Council, Layman Walker, Record bureaucratic labor leadership, and Congress have joined to ing Secretary of UAW-CIO Local while heading this movement, are prevent rent relief. The new con- 742, and William Grant Financial still attempting to contain it. trols law still permits decontrol Secretary of Ford Local 600. With ficient and militant pressure from areas. Yet where in the U.S. to- speech from the floor, the arguthe working people can prevent day is the problem of high rents ments for the resolution were Mike Novak, Al Barbour and Alex According to the Bureau of to rise to 20 per cent above the Fuller, taking full advantage of their rights to unlimited time. Branding the petition drive as "Communist inspired" an "attempt to create disunity" etc. these spokesmen beat their chests for their own "sane" and "sen-The people of Oakland can sible" approach to the FEPC expect even more rent gouging issue. They boasted of the ordinance they had had submitted to the Council and assured They can no longer leave it up the delegates this was the way to Congress, the City Council, to get FEPC.

NO PROMISES

Al Barbour, Secretary-Treasurboards run by tenants, house- er of the Council, let the cat out article entitled "The Trend of the and refuse to see the social reality inventions and achievements? Among the features of the July- wives, and trade unionists. They of the bag, however, when he Twentieth Century" in the July- which underlies them, wake up in Shall he cease now to do and dare August issue are two articles by must fight for local referendums said that the six Council mem-August 1951 issue of the Fourth the morning with pessimism, and and aspire and achieve, and even Leon Trotsky, reprinted for the on rent control and not leave bers who had agreed to sponsor the ordinance in the City Council had not agreed to vote for it. They had indicated that when the out refused to go back without ordinance came up for a vote in the Council that they would vote to place the ordinance on the in inter-city runs, time lost during ballot for referendum vote. Apparently, with their own elections scheduled for the fall, they are not anxious to go out on the limb, so to speak, to pull Reuther and his associates' chestnuts out of the fire. From this revelation by Barbour, it apears that if the Reutherite leadership likes it or not they will be confronted by a referendum on FEPC in the fall election. The bitter campaign Akron teamsters, now that they have waged against a referendum will not make easy the task of mobilizing Detroit's labor movement to secure FEPC passage at that time.

> As William Grant, Financial Secretary of Ford Local 600, stated, "We have been told for years that on economic issues and other issues we must use our issue, when we have an op- 1935.

TEPC legislation, we are told it UAW-CIO leadership which had is wrong to do it." He concluded, reacted cooly to the appointment "It will be a shameful disgrace of Moody by Williams (they had if the Detroit labor movement of been pressing for George Edof the petition drive. Leading more than 300,000 members, who wards, former Detroit Counciltogether with their wives and man) with the remark, "What families constitute the over- do you think of the man I apwhelming majority of Detroit's pointed now"? pointing to Moody electorate, sould permit defeat of seated next to Emil Mazey on this necessary legislation." When the platform. the issue was finally put to a vote, the administration resolution condemning the petition campaign was carried by about a four to tion concurred in a proposal that one margin with many Negro Reutherites abstaining in the election be delayed until a later vote. Regardless of the outcome meeting. It was made clear how-

already clear that by their conduct on this issue the Reuther support and prestige among the Negro masses of this city.

DULL CONVENTION

Other than the debate on this issue, the convention was a dull affair. A considerable portion of the time of the day and a half convention was consumed by guest speeches of Governor Williams, and Senator Moody, in addition to Walter Reuther and 10th Anniversary Celebration. Emil Mazey. In his remarks, Wilams took advantage of the op-

In addition to passing, virtually without discussion, a score of routine resolutions, the Convenendorsements in Detroit city of the fight for an FEPC ever, that the decision to endorse ordinance in Detroit it is self-starter Branigan for Mayor in opposition to incumbent Mayor Cobo has already been made but with FEPC legislation. He hailed leadership has suffered a loss in was morely being withheld for diplomatic considerations to permit joint action with the A. F.

> A moment of drama occurred when Walter Reuther arrived to speak, 69 of the 76 delegates of Ford Local 600 left the hall in a body during Reuther's speech in an obvious move aimed to embarrass Reuther for his recent boycett of the Ford Local 600

The right-wing administration and its complete slate were r portunity to take a slap at the elected by large margins.

still attempting to contain it. trols law still permits decontrol Secretary of Ford Local 600. With Under the present setup only sufficient and militant pressure from areas. Yet where in the U.S. to-speech from the floor, the argufurther rent increases. The people of Oakland must learn from learn from the officers of the CIO Council, DISCONTENT MOUNTING

By Jean Simon

CLEVELAND, Aug. 6 - As members of AFL Teamsters Local 407 await Wage Stabilization Board approval of contract gains reported in the Militant last week, negotiations between four Akron

Feamsters broke down last night. The highway drivers, who called a state-wide strike July 29 to force employers to stop stalling necessary. on grievances, went back to work shortly after Cleveland Local 407 signed a contract, except for the employees of the worst offenders,

four Akron concerns. Federal mediators met with union and company representatives in Columbus this week, but the 400 drivers and dockmen still ending the chiselling of the employers on payment for layovers "layovers," and "dead - heading" from one city to another with empty trucks.

INJUNCTION THREAT

The Akron Trucking Association today threatened to use its political weapon against the strikers — court injunctions.

While the bosses apparently think they have isolated the 400 Cleveland drivers signed a contract and are back at work, a hornets' nest is brewing. The discontent in Local 407 that resulted in the recent militant rank-andfile strike continues to grow.

At the local union meeting last Thursday, attended by about a fective "business unionism" of thousand men, the membership officers elected for five year terms problems in the shop we must use demanded to know when they has reached the exploding point, Write: 1702 East 4th Street our economic strength and on would get action by the Wage and may well erupt in rank and Stabilization Board approving the file action that will challenge the political strength — our strength | 40-hour week and pay increases authority not only of the bosses? at the ballot box. Yet on this won in their first strike since "stabilization" boards, but of the

portunity to strike a blow for Union officials assured them well.

trucking companies and the Ohio that an 18-man local Wage Highway Drivers Council of the Stabilization Board will be set up this week to act on their contract, and that prolonged delays in Washington will not be

"You can bet your bottom dollar," one militant told this reporter, "that if they horse around and don't approve our eight-hour day within the month. we'll go out again!"

"We should have stayed out!" another said. "The plants were beginning to shut down because nothing was moving. Governor Lausche could get his militia out and let them try to drive the trucks. They'd mess up so much equipment so fast we'd have had WSB approval of our demands damn quick!"

How widespread this sentiment is within the union is evident in the fact that about 100 men voted against ending the strike.

Some union officials, fearful of the spread of the rank and file militancy that characterized the Cleveland strike, have stated there will be no sympathy strikes. However, in the ranks the highway drivers' walkout before the expiration of their contract was regarded as a sympathy strike, and members covered by other contracts are watching the Akron negotiations carefully.

Dissatisfaction with the inefunstable union bureaucracy as

The Twentieth Century

says James P. Cannon in an only at the surface of events, much, fall victim now to his own issues cost \$1.25. International, now on sale.

"That is the supreme task MARXIST OUTLOOK assigned by history to the 20th Century," says Cannon in an article which gives a panoramic view of the development of saciety over the past century. "The work is in progress, and the goal is in sight. The first half of the 20th Century saw the beginning of the necessary social transformation of the world. The society over the past century. will see it carried through to a triumphant conclusion."

Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, in castigates the pessimists:

have not been able to find new human society, ignore the history ning to be extended into domestic cipation of Chinese women. ones. For such people this is a and the evolution of man, which affairs." time of great confusion and dis- demonstrates above all else his The Fourth International, which of negotiations for a cease-fire optimism, which presided over the out of the trees and learned to of the Socialist Workers Party, prospects for the future.

who have confidence in the socialist future of mankind.

"We Marxists face the struggle for this future with full con- are tending. fidence," he says in his Fourth International article. "And we his vigorous defense of the the recognition of reality, the since the break with Stalinism in "Women in the Chinese Revolusocialist perspective, bitterly most important and decisive June of 1948, with the opportunist tion." This article, starting with "Many people have been over- his communist future is at the conclusion is that ". . . the Engels: "The degree of the whelmed by great events which core of Marxism, the central restoration of capitalism is bethey could not forsee and do not element of its unshakable optim- coming a real threat for the natural standard of the general yet understand. They have seen ism. The gloomy prophets of the Federated Republics of Yugo- emancipation," goes on to trace their theories and beliefs refuted eclip, se of civilization and slavia, as the rightward course and swept away by reality and perhaps, even the obliteration of of foreign policy is now begin- of the past decade in the eman-

go to bed at night with despair." to exist? We do not think so."

broad and vivid review of the

man, and his capacity to survive Balance Sheet of the Yugoslav and improve his lot, is not a Affair." In this article, Germain skeptics and snivellers say. It is ternal policy of the Tito regime

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Frances Conway, a young the first time with an article on reality there is. Faith in man and foreign policy of the regime. His the idea enunciated by Marx and emancipation of women is a out the Chinese social revolution

The FI opens with a discussion couragement, and despair of their own fate, and even of the fate of humanity. The pacifist "Shall man, who came down fate of humanity. The pacifist "Shall man, who came down fate of humanity."

The route international, which is regulations for a cease-fire may be ordered direct from 116 in Korea. An editorial on this University Place, New York 3, topic reviews the lessons of the N. Y., or from your local branch Korean war and analyses the

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Brig. Gen. David J. Crawford, chief of the Detroit Automotive Tank Center which grants \$5,000,000,000 worth of army contracts a year, was fired from his post and severely reprimanded for accepting free hospitality from firms trying to obtain defense contracts and for using government property and services for his own personal use. This action against Crawford was taken after a House subcommittee probe into scandalous practices in the awarding of defense

The polite phraseology of the army's reprimand stated that the dismissal was due to "Gen. Crawford's failure to meet the high standards required of any Army officer," In more everyday language he was fired for what the average workingman would call war profiteering, cheating and stealing. On June 21 Crawford occupied, without charge, a hotel suite at the Congressional Hotel, Washington, which he knew was being rented by a representative of firms which were negotiating for war contracts with the TAC. Crawford accepted a boat keel as a gift from a steel firm representative who was negotiating for contracts. Crawford further converted "to his own use Government material in the construction of pleasure boats at Fort Wayne and (transported) personal property at Government expense from Detroit to his home at Cobb Island, Maryland."

Crawford's testimony to the House subcommittee shocked some people with its utter disregard for honesty but it was revealing as a testimony of how army brass treat the questions of moral integrity. He refused to see anything wrong with accepting hospitality from firms to whom he was giving millions of dollars of defense contracts. He freely admitted using an army truck driven by an army sergeant to transport trees from Detroit to his home in Maryland. After admitting all this and faced with the

damning facts, Crawford still insisted, "I believe the best interests of the government were served. If I had to do it over again, I would."

Rep. Hoffman of Michigan who served on the them do, and he got caught at it." He further added that he was "sorry that a man who has done such a good job for his country had to get into this mess." The unearthing of more facts about the TAC proved just what a good job Crawford had done for his country - or better still, what he had done to his country. Joseph Wiesner, president of the Fairfield Engineering Co., revealed how contractors made a 300 percent profit on material sold to the TAC.

Hoffman's definition of what doing a good job for one's country means differs sharply from that of the workers who have to pay the 300 percent profit to war racketeers. While Brig. Gen. Crawford can use hotel suites to live in comfortably because he awards defense contracts, thousands of Detroit families live in slums and inadequate quarters because they can't give away millions of dollars. While soldiers are fighting and dying in Korea Gen. Crawford uses troops to do his personal moving. When Gen. Crawford wants a new boat keel or a pleasure yacht he drops a hint or just uses some government material; a worker can only write letters to Santa Claus. When Gen. Crawford's dealings become public and the army is forced to act the resulting punishment is only a transfer or perhaps even the decision to retire — on a comfortable army

From childhood on the average person is told "Honesty is the best policy" but as soon as he can use his senses he can see that cheating and stealing are the special privileges of some and the time worn adage applies only to himself and

Hats Off, Mr. Spector!

They say if you put enough thick heads together for a sufficient length of time you're bound to come up with a solution for almost anything. And the problem of saving capitalism has certainly attracted its quota of thick heads. Therefore it should be a surprise to no one that at last the nut has been cracked.

The answer has been brought fourth by Nathaniel Spector, manager of the New York joint board of the Millinery Workers Union, AFL. It will undoubtedly rank among the achievements of the human race along with the founding of the United Nations and the invention of the wheel.

from one of those inevitable "getting a feel of the situation" tours of Europe. It was there that the idea took form; Mr. Spector was "appalled" to see "fewer than a dozen women wearing hats at the Paris Opera," and he was deeply distressed to note that "hatlessness was even more widespread in other sections of Europe" (despite all that wonderful Marshall Plan aid we sent those people). He began to realize the gravity of the danger that "Tourists who visit the great European centers of culture and fashion and find no one wearing hats are likely to come back to the United States feeling that they should go without hats, too."

After a nine-week study of this unfortunate situation, Mr. Spector came rushing back to New York with his answer to the major problem of our time. All along we had thought that the things

we had to abolish were war, depression, Jim Crow, the witch hunt and things like that. How wrong we were! The really important evil, Mr. Spector assured us, is hatlèssness.

Figure it out for yourself. If people stop wearing hats, hat workers will lose their jobs. That's bad enough - but consider the even more dreadful consequences: "that unemployed workers would succumb to Communist propaganda and that the virus of hatlessness would spread from the Continent to this country." Hat workers stop buying Cadillacs, and that drives more unemployed into the hands of communists. The unemployed have friends and neighbors whom they can infect with the red disease. It just spreads and spreads and spreads,

The solution? There is nothing to it once the clue has been provided by Mr. Spector. But he takes no chances and presents it to the press himself: an international conference to discuss ways and means of promoting hat wearing and curbing communism. In no time flat this should have the spiral turning in the other direction and we'll be chugging along just like the good old days. Before you know it, we'll even have those reds wearing hats.

For days we have been stilled with humble admiration for the genius of that intellectual giant, Mr. Spector, Now we can restrain ourselves no longer. This far-sighted union leader deserves the tribute of every patriotic American. Hats off to Mr. Spector!

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Rep. Hoffman of Michigan who served on the subcommittee questioning Crawford, favored the general's smart business deals with these words, "Gen. Crawford was just doing what most of them do, and he got caught at it." He further Recent Developments in Labor Movement Show Militancy and Democracy Still Alive

Recent developments in im- and bold. portant sectors of the labor

Reuther, International President the local, but as an act of defiance of the UAW-CIO, to impose a against Reuther. This enthusiastic dynamic auto union, the opposi- are not yet tamed. tion to his regime, led by power-

The huge 10th anniversary movement indicate that the tradi- rally of the Ford local at which tional militancy and internal John L. Lewis was invited to democracy of American unions, speak illustrates this point.

The current outbreak of a whole ful Ford Local 600 is very much series of strike struggles against cut opposition grouping opposed

Ford Local 600 Rally

dustry also show the reserves of not control the Flint unions. independent spirit in this union.

International Board, the Desoto, opposition to his bureaucratic followed by a cowardly capitulaalthough threatened and restricted, are by no means destroyed.

Lewis was invited not only beChrysler, Dodge, Hudson and leadership is not armed with a
other workers have waged a clear program; it is not well-Despite efforts by Walter important role in the founding of militant fight in defense of their organized; but it seems definitely working standards. Speakers from to be developing and growing. the top officers of the union are totalitarian control over the rally showed the auto workers booed at union meetings on the speed-up issue.

In Flint, while there is no clearalive. Far from being cowed and the intensive speed-up drive of to Reuther, the militant tradi-

In the face of threats and Reuther's domination in the auto of the labor leaders from the gov-

TEAMSTERS REBELLION

In another union, the AFL Teamsters, which the corrupt Dan Tobin machine has held down by violence, corruption and the abolition of union democracy, a new rebellion has occurred in

The recent teamsters strike open defiance of the top officials. rebellion is only a beginning. Rank and file strikers took the reins and forced the local union officers to go along with the bigger each week, the unrestrainmembership's demands. Such an ed profit-grabbing of the corporaupheaval in a union like the tions, the role of the labor lead-Ceamsters is indicative of a ers as window dressing for the developing mood.

Within even the most bureauratic of unions, the workers are struggling for a more aggressive program and a new leadership.

At the root of these movements is discontent among the workers brought on by the Korean war

Skyrocketing prices, increased ents, taxes on low incomes, combined with tremendous 'profiteering and widespread exposure of corruption in governnent, have tended to arouse the vorkers. With inflation completely out of control, and wages party will become the rallying alone frozen, they are taking it cry for the new opposition move-

nothing effective to stop this As a whole it can be said that process. The shortlived walkout intimidation by the UAW-CIO union has been weakened. The ernment boards last February was

> tion to Truman and his policies. Big Business control of the government, correctly denounced by the United Labor Policy Committee, now has these same labor bureaucrats back in its service. It cannot be expected that the American workers will tolerate

such a situation for long. While labor has been comparatively quiet in the recent mast, storms are ahead. The speed-up fight in the auto industry is only a small warning in that city was conducted in of what is to come. The teamsters

The heavy burdens of an armaments program which grows capitalists, is preparing the ground for a new left-wing in U.S. labor.

NEW PROGRAM

Unlike opposition movements in the unions in the past, a new left wing will necessarily have to develop a new and more radical political program. All the problems confronting the workers are political: prices, taxes, wage freeze, and the like.

The need for an independent political party of labor will become more and more obvious. The demand for a genuine labor ment in American labor.

- The Negro Struggle

Dewey Lies About Cicero to Asians

Nailing every lie about race relations in the United States is an impossible task, but when a prominent spokesman for imperialism like New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey tells a bunch of whoppers to a Singapore audience, and the New York Times reprints them without comment, it's worth one column to answer.

According to an AP dispatch dated July 31, Dewey told "leading citizens of Malaya and Singapore at a luncheon given in his honor

1. That he was "shocked to find that an incident of racial prejudice (Cicero, Ill.) involving a few hundred people out of a nation of 150,000,000 people is front-page news in Singapore and elsewhere,

— Even the white press in the U.S. admitted the mob numbered

munities (which they get from of such an incident as the major the Articles of War), and myths news from the United States on about superiority (which they get any one day is shocking and grossly

States on that day was more important? What other incident here involved 6,000 persons directly and affected millions by demonstrating that local police openly aid and abet



3. "What is wholly ignored is that the incident shocked the public conscience and was abhorrent to all our people, and was both vigorously suppressed and prosecuted by public authorities. This is the true reflection of the American point of view which I find entirely omitted (from the Asian press)."

- Compounded lies. If Mr. Dewey thinks violence of this type is "abhorrent to all our people" he should check the number of Negro homes that were burned and dynamited here in just the last few months. If he thinks the mob was "both vigorously suppressed and they tell reporters indignantly prosecuted by public authorities" he should explain the beating and that hundreds of others did the abuse of the Negro victim by Cicero police officials, their failure same thing. They are not being to provide any protection against the mob, and why the mob was permitted to grow for days and to destroy the apartment building

4. That it is communist propaganda to imply that "a rare incident of ruffianism represents anything basic in our country."

- Mr. Dewey's propaganda certainly is crass when he calls Cicero a "rare incident of ruffianism." He should read the lead of a story this week in the Pittsburgh Courier, a paper editorially

Organized Racial Terror

"KKK crosses burned last week in several Dixie towns: homes were bombed in Los Angeles, and two top Georgia KKK officials were indicted for bombing Negro homes in Atlanta. In Florida, a top Democratic committee executive was accused of aiding and

Peekskill and Freeport, in his own New York?

mingled in the creation of a peaceful, happy life based on freedom, equality and justice for all."

- Really, Mr. Dewey!

We don't know what the Asians replied to the Great White Father from America. But we know what they should have said: "Go home and tell that to the Negroes of the United States! See if you can convince them!"



On its 10th anniversary, UAW-CIO Ford Local 600 held a mass rally, attended by 50,000 auto workers. John L. Lewis was the main speaker. Although they were invited by the local president to speak, CIO President Philip Murray, and UAW-CIO President Walter Reuther, refused

Reuther demanded that the auto workers boycott the celebration. But his orders were ignored. Lewis, opening his speech, declared that all that is needed to guarantee a successful

meeting will be addressed by

Clyde Turner, Socialist Workers

The drive to secure the peti-

N.Y. Political Deal Exposed What Is Behind By SWP Candidate Bartell

candidacy for the State Supreme Court on the Republican ticket that the pea, of course, is really

In a statement released here today Bartell declared, "The old shell game is back at work in the lections. When they start shifting those three shells with the Breitel to the Supreme Court they Republican, Democratic and Liberal labels, it's sometimes quite

to figure out which one the pea is under. We can at least be greatful to Boss Flynn and Liberal party shyly announce "in Carmen Di Sapio for lifting the three shells at once and revealing "on his merits"!

US Farmers Dump Beans in Protest

The seven tons of beans were dumped by angry farmers when buyers at the market refused to for string beans that cost \$2 per bushel to produce. The farmers, from Long Island, dumped the beans to protest the scalping they were getting. String beans spoil 51st St., in New York. rapidly in high temperatures, and the farmers saw no point in tions necessary to win a place

Place, New York.

The West Point 'Cheat' Scandal

(Continued from Page 1)

ranks. They are a caste, arti- page." "The donkey and elephant have informed the electorate," Bartell the death. The Liberals would have us believe that this time they are going to give the big boys a real run for their money. However by their plan to elect the Republican wheel horse etc.).

A graduate of West Point, demonstrate their complete collusion. The Democrats propose to endorse him in a swap for Republican endorsement of two of their candidates. The leaders of the private" they will support him "The collusion demonstrated in

whole thing is that the poor kids tell concluded, "holds true up and down the line on every major who hang on to the honor system issue at stake in this election. are the very ones who are being During the course of this campunished. Ninety of the cadets admit that they cribbed, but now Bartell's campaign will be ofthe fore by the dumping of four election rally and Trotsky punished because, when they now fib and say they were innocent, the Army chooses to believe them under the mythical West Point honor system!

One cadet burned with indignation as he told reporters:

going to get your pick.

A "guilty" cadet said: "At least

opened last Saturday night when That's the army for you, kid. With string beans selling at 15 a thousand signatures to his You might as well find it out now, because if you ever see the probably be from the bottom looking up, just like the rest of us ordinary, non-honorable cads. always get the shaft.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 — The announced intention of he Democratic and Liberal parties to support Charles D. Breitel, former counsel to Governor Dewey, in his

has been denounced by Michael in their palm." Bartell, Socialist Workers candidate for President of the New York City Council, as revealing continued, "that this is war to "the complete collusion between

a trick for the human eye

Why is food so high? What paign we will prove this charge happens to the food money we pay across the counter? These questions are again brought to ficially launched at a combined truckloads of string beans last memorial meeting which will be Wednesday morning at the Bronx sponsored by the Socialist Work-Terminal Market in New York ers Party on Friday night, Aug.

offer more than 25c. a bushel,

to 19 cents per lb. at retail petition were obtained. A minlittle more than 3 cents. The required. Readers of The Militant question that remains unanswered are urged to help circulate the the consumer is starved?

ficially imposed from above, and so they must be fortified with system), protections and imfrom the "honor" system, the of- misleading." ficer and "gentleman" legend,

Class of 1920, who served as an instructor at the military academy himself for several years, told reporters that this system of passing examination answers along started before the cadets now being punished "were out of knee pants." He ought to know. But the funniest part of the

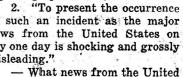
this dirty back room deal," Bar-24. In addition to Bartell, the

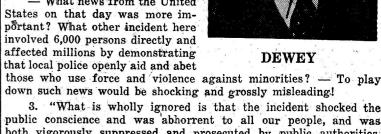
"I'd rather have these men who

candidate for member of the City Council in Philadelphia. Joseph told the truth lead me into battle Hansen, Business Manager of than the others." Well, feller, it The Militant, will preside at the doesn't look as though you're rally which will be held at the Hotel Capitol, Eight Ave. and

> 200 others in the corps did the the same thing. We shot square, abetting KKK activities." and are getting the shaft."

by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association:" rise to the top democratically, on and is considered worthy of a fourmerit, and by the choice of the column photograph on the front artificial privileges (which they thousands for several days, reachget from the Army's caste ing a high point of 6,000.





before the National Guard was called to the scene.

And has Governor Dewey already forgotten the incidents in

5. In the U.S. "every race, every color and every religion have

Another thing I've always wondered about is why we get in the bottom of the building. Isn't the building going to fall on top of us then? I

It seems that Mr. Spector has just returned

Washington Dialogue Scene: An office in the new building of the

State Department in Washington; a high official of the Department, Dean Scratchenson, is talking to a technical expert, a cattle butcher, who has been called in for special consultation. Scratchenson is immaculately dressed with the most dazzling striped trousers and bow tie. The cattle butcher, who was rushed directly from his job is still in his work clothes. His apron is dirty and his arms are smeared with blood up

Cattle Butcher: Well, Mr. Scratchenson what can I do for you this time?

Scratchenson: Must you come here dressed in that (ugh) attire? Cattle Butcher: What's the matter, Mr. Scratchenson, are you getting weak in the stomach? From reading the newspapers I didn't think you were so finicky. . . You seem to be doing pretty

good at this racket, But how about getting down Scratchenson: Very well, I have a problem I thought you might help me solve. How do you keep them happy and quiet while you're taking them to the - er - place? I mean how do you

make them think it is all for their own good? Cattle Butcher: That's easy. We feed them plenty, fatten them up, you know; and besides we rely on the leaders of the herd to carry the others along.

Scratchenson: Oh, we have that part of it

solved. Our standard of living is the highest in

the world and the labor leaders, churchmen and

community organization officials are lined up to a man. . . almost. But still we have lots of trouble. Look at this Item in the July 31 Christian Science Monitor, reporting on one of our chummy "briefing" sessions with a cross section of the American people. After my "long range" policy man gets through speaking a lady in the audience speaks up: "The American people don't want to be associated with undertakings like 'Operation Killer,' they don't want bigger and better atom and hydrogen bombs. They are tired of wars

and talk of wars." Now, what can I do about the three parties." people like her? Cattle Butcher (hesitantly): Well, you know, Mr. Scratchenson, our fields aren't exactly alike. You get some problems that I don't know much about. Couldn't you get the FBI to take care

Scratchenson (in a rage): Those idiqts! How can I depend on them? The first thing you know she would disappear and J. Redgear Boober wouldn't know where she was. Besides, you can't

Cattle Butcher: Okay, okay, don't get hysterical. I'm sorry but I don't think I can help you. The trouble with your job is, you got to deal with people and people are funny — they think Scratchenson (screaming with anger): Think! I don't need you to come here and mess up my office to tell me that people think. What do you

think my problem is if it isn't that? Cattle Butcher: Well, I'll have to be going now (He walks towards the door muttering to himself: "Thank God, I've got a clean job.")

Days

By Susan Jeffers

DIVE! That's the signal for a sneak attack. All the kids crawl under their desks. At least they try to. Usually we end up bruised and filthy, as those desks weren't built to get under. When we have a real bomb drill, the lights go off and we line up, the teacher at the head with a flashlight. If you're unlucky enough to be at the end of the line you can't see very well; and you fall as I have done many a time.

We climb down the four flights to the boiler room and sit down. We each have a piece of cardboard to sit on. About 75 kids are all in the same room and I find it quite stuffy. When we are all there, we are told to put our

coats over our heads until the teacher counts ten: then we begin to sing songs like "God Bless America." But if a bomb is really falling isn't it a little late for God to bless America?

guess there's only one answer to this question,

no place is safe.

Some of the kids are still scared by the drills but most of us just take it in stride, like fire

A few weeks ago we got papers telling us what to do if a bomb falls, They say when you hear the siren you are to find your nearest shelter and if no shelter is near get under a bed or a table. Frankly I don't think I could do any of these things in three seconds. If I heard the siren, instead of dashing around madly I would stand there and hold my ears. The siren has such trucking them back into Nassau on the ballot for Bartell was a melancholy sound.

It's really not funny when you think about it I come to school to learn how to read and write not to learn how to save my life if a bomb outlets, the farmers were offered imum of 7,500 signatures are inside of the army again, it will falls. I want to grow up in a happy world not one full of hatred and wars. If you ask any child I think they will agree with me. I have is: Why must food brokers make petition. Copies can be obtained nothing against the adults, believe me, but I do a profit of 200 to 300 per cent, by calling or writing the Socialist And we can tell you, buddy, when think the world would be better if the children while the farmer is chiseled, and Workers Party at 116 University you shoot square in the army, you